WE CLAIM:

1. A method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine having a display device, the method comprising:

    determining a location of at least one marker on the at least one

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    displaying the location of the at least one marker on the display

    device;

    modifying the at least one marker; and

    generating at least one modified document in response to the modified

10   at least one marker.

2. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, wherein the at least one marker comprises at least one

15   regular tab.

3. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, wherein the at least one marker comprises at least one bleed tab.

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4. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 2, wherein the at least one marker comprises at least one of a type, a font size, a title, at least one color, a height, a width, a vertical position, a horizontal position, and a rotation.

5. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 3, wherein the at least one marker comprises at least one of a type, a font size, a title, at least one color, a height, a width, a vertical position, a horizontal position and a rotation.

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6. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, further comprising performing an update function to modify the at least one marker.

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7. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 6, further comprising storing the modified at least one marker as a new marker on at least one new document.

8. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 7, further comprising printing the at least one new document.

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9. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, wherein the at least one marker is comprised of a combination of at least one regular tab and at least one bleed tab.

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10. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, wherein the at least one marker is stored as objects.

11. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 9, wherein said objects are page objects.

12. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 9, wherein said objects comprise PDF objects.

13. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, further comprising displaying the modification of the at least one marker on the at least one document on the display device.

14. The method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine according to claim 1, further comprising modifying a table of tabs as a response to modifying the at least one marker.

15. A method for modifying documents in a printing machine having a display device, the method comprising:

determining a location of at least one first marker on a first document;

determining a location of at least one second marker on a second document;

displaying the location of the at least one first marker and the at least one second markers on the display device;

modifying the at least one first marker and the at least one second marker to create at least one update marker; and

generating at least one modified document in response to the updated at least one marker.

16. The method for modifying documents in a printing machine according to claim 15, further comprising replacing the at least one first marker with the at least one update marker.

17. The method for modifying documents in a printing machine according to claim 15, further comprising replacing the at least one second marker with the at least one update marker.

18. The method for modifying documents in a printing machine according to claim 15, further comprising storing the at least one update marker as a new marker on a newly created document.

19. The method for modifying documents in a printing machine according to claim 15, further comprising storing the at least one updated marker as a new marker in the second document.

20. The method for modifying documents in a printing machine according to claim 15, further comprising storing the at least one update marker as a new marker in the first document.

21. A method for modifying a plurality of documents in a printing machine having

a display device, the method comprising:

determining a location of each marker in the plurality of documents;

displaying the location of each marker on the display device;

5   modifying each marker; and

generating a plurality of modified documents in response to each

modified marker.

22. A job preparation station for a printing machine, comprising:

10   a job preparation station comprises a display device having a viewer

component and a desktop component;

the viewer component configured to display at least one document;

the desktop component configured to determine a location of at least

one marker on the at least one document;

15   the viewer component configured to display the location of the at least

one marker;

the desktop component configured to modify the at least one marker;

and

the desktop component configured to generate at least one modified

20   document in response to the modified at least one marker.

23. The job preparation station according to claim 22, wherein the job preparation

station comprises at least one input device that enables the desktop component

to modify the at least one marker.

24. The job preparation station according to claim 22, wherein the display device comprises a graphic user interface.

25. The job preparation station according to claim 22, further comprising responsive to the modification of the at least one marker a table of tabs is automatically updated.

26. A printing system for printing a plurality of printing jobs, said printing system comprising:

a plurality of job preparation stations wherein at each of said job preparation stations a respective operator receives at least one document to be printed, converts the at least one document into ready for printer file format, and generates an electronic job ticket representing global document features, each job preparation station having a set of defined station attributes;

a job allocator that receives the set of defined station attributes of the job preparation stations and distributes printing jobs to a selected one of the job printing stations based on the defined station attributes of all of the job preparation stations;

the job preparations stations comprise a display device having a viewer component and a desktop component;

the viewer component configured to display at least one document;

the desktop component configured to determine a location of at least one marker on the at least one document;

the viewer component configured to display the location of the at least

one marker;

the desktop component configured to modify the at least one marker;

the desktop component configured to generate at least one modified

document in response to the modified at least one marker; and

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an output device connected to the job preparation station, wherein the

output device is operable to output the at least one modified document.

27. A printing machine, comprising:

a job preparation station;

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the job preparation station operable to determine a location of at

least one marker on at least one document;

the job preparation station operable to display the location of at least

one marker;

the job preparation station operable to modify the at least one

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marker; and

the job preparation station operable to generate at least one modified

document in response to the modified at least one marker.

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28. The printing machine according to claim 27, further comprising an output

device connected to the job preparation station the output device operable to

transmit the at least one modified document.

29. A method for modifying at least one document in a printing machine having a display device, the method comprising:

determining a location of at least one marker on the at least one document in response to a table of tabs that directs the printing machine to the location of the at least one marker;

displaying the location of the at least one marker on the display device;

modifying the at least one marker; and

generating at least one modified document in response to the modified at least one marker.